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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Chisari et al.

Serial No.: 08/854,825
Filing Date: May 12, 1997
For: **HEPATITIS C VIRUS-DERIVED
PEPTIDES CAPABLE OF
INDUCING CYTOTOXIC T
LYMPHOCYTE RESPONSES**
Docket No.: 329368-101A
Art Unit: 1648
Examiner: Parkin, J.S.

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 2, 2000, the amendments set forth below are respectfully submitted.¹ With the Petition for an Extension of Time (three months), the present amendment is timely filed on or before August 2, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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22. **(Three Times Amended)** An isolated molecule comprising a polypeptide that induces an hepatitis C virus (HCV)-specific response in cytotoxic T lymphocytes having a sequence that [has]

¹ I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST-CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON AUGUST 1, 2000.


By: Arthur E. Jackson